

G-008/M-88-255ACCEPTING AND APPROVING COMPLIANCE FILING

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Implementation of an
Energy Conservation Program for
Minnegasco, Inc.

ISSUE DATE: December 12, 1988

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ORDER ACCEPTING AND APPROVING
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 19, 1988 the Commission issued its Order Approving Conservation Improvement Program and Requiring Additional Filings in the above-captioned matter. Among other things, that Order required Minnegasco, Inc. (the Company) to do the following:

1. to meet with West Hennepin Human Services, the Department of Public Service, and other interested parties to discuss concerns about the services to be included in Project AIR; and
2. to meet with the Self-Reliance Center and develop a detailed plan for the Home Energy Check-up project to be offered by that agency.

On October 19, 1988 the Company submitted a compliance filing under the Order. The filing included reports on the discussions outlined above, a proposal to shift \$20,000 in CIP funding from Project AIR to the Home Energy Check-up project, an update on the development of promotional materials for the New Construction Rebate Project, and a report that the Company is examining the possibility of offering a furnace work pilot project this CIP year. The filing also included four research and evaluation reports on Company CIP projects by the Energy Office of the City of Minneapolis.

The Department of Public Service (the Department) examined the filing and on November 3, 1988 recommended its approval.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission accepts and approves the Company's report on its discussions with interested parties regarding Project AIR and accepts the resulting agreement on how Project AIR will operate during the CIP year. The Commission is satisfied that the parties have developed a workable and effective plan for delivering services under the project.

The Commission also accepts and approves the Company's report on its discussions with the Self-Reliance Center regarding the operation of the Bloomington Home Energy Check-up Project. The resulting plan for the operation of the project is also accepted and approved.

The City of Bloomington's decision to sponsor the Home Energy Check-up project instead of Project AIR frees up approximately \$20,000 in CIP funds formerly allocated to Project AIR. The Commission accepts and approves the Company's proposal to shift this money to conservation services in another community and understands that the project most likely to be funded is a Home Energy Check-up Project in the City of Baxter. The Company's proposal to report on its efforts to reallocate these funds in its December 30 status report is accepted.

The Commission accepts for purposes of review the research and evaluation reports prepared by the Energy Office of the City of Minneapolis. As the Department noted in its comments, these reports require study and may point up a need for further research. The Commission looks forward to receiving the Department's comments on the reports upon completion of its analysis.

ORDER

1. The Company's compliance filing of October 19, 1988 is accepted and approved.
2. The Company's proposal for the operation of Project AIR is accepted and approved.
3. The Company's proposal for the operation of the Bloomington Home Energy Check-up Project by the Self-Reliance Center at a budget of \$31,500 is accepted and approved.

4. The Company shall reallocate to a CIP project in another community the \$20,000 in CIP funding formerly allocated to Project AIR in Bloomington.
5. The Company shall report on the reallocation required under paragraph 4 in its December 30, 1988 status report.
6. The four research and evaluation reports prepared by the Energy Office of the City of Minneapolis are accepted for purposes of review.
7. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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